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SUBJECT: TEHRAN PRESS ATTACKS BENNETT, SIMON: COMMENT

REF: TEHRAN 5662

1. STRONG AND SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL IRANIAN PRESS REACTION
TO BENNETT'S STATEMENT ON US OIL POLICY AND SIMON'S
VISIT TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES (REFTEL) NOT UNEXPECTED IN VIEW
OF SHARPLY DIVERGENT US-IRANIAN VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

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HIGH GOI OFFICIALS WELL AWARE THAT IRAN FACES PERIOD

IN WHICH US VIEWS WITH REGARD TO OIL PRICES AND SUPPLY WILL DIFFER FROM THEIR OWN. IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, THESE SAME OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AND EVEN ENHANCE OVERALL CLOSE RELATIONS WITH US WHICH HAVE FIRM FOUNDATION IN MANY OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST. AS ACrimonious PUBLIC EXCHANGES OCCUR (SHULTZ, SIMON AND NOW BENNETT), WE BELIEVE THEY ARE BECOMING CONCERNED, AS ARE WE, THAT OVERALL FABRIC OF OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP MAY BE DAMAGED.

2. IN OUR VIEW THIS MOST RECENT OUTBURST HIGHLIGHTS ONCE AGAIN THE URGENT DESIRABILITY OF ENGAGING IN A CAREFULLY CRAFTED DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE AND ALL OF ITS RAMIFICATIONS WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IRAN. IT MAY BE THAT DIFFERENCES ARE IRRECONCILABLE. IT SEEMS TO US HOWEVER THAT WE SHALL NOT KNOW WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY WHETHER THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF NARROWING THE GAP UNTIL DETAILED DISCUSSIONS DO TAKE PLACE.

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